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Mr. Rod Jones
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Hydrogen Energy California (HECA) Power Project (08-AFC-8) –
Project Modifications

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you know, Hydrogen Energy International, LLC (Applicant) filed a revised Application for Certification (AFC) (08-AFC-8) with the California Energy Commission on May 28, 2009 for an integrated gasification combined cycle power generating facility called Hydrogen Energy California (HECA). The Energy Commission deemed the AFC data adequate on August 26, 2009.

Applicant has determined to modify the HECA project to eliminate the auxiliary combustion turbine generator and demonstrate its PM_{2.5} particulate emissions will be below the 100 tons/year PM_{2.5} Air Quality Standard threshold. The documentation that provides a detailed discussion of the project modification and amendments to the AFC needed to address this change will be provided no later than September 30, 2009. The elimination of the auxiliary combustion turbine generator does not fundamentally alter the nature of the project, nor does it affect the proposed capture and sequestration of project carbon emissions. As will be demonstrated by the documentation to be submitted, the elimination of the auxiliary combustion turbine generator will not increase the magnitude of any previously identified environmental impacts, or result in any new significant impacts associated with the HECA project.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Gregory D. Skannal
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE *HYDROGEN ENERGY*
*CALIFORNIA PROJECT***

Docket No. 08-AFC-8

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Dale Shileikis, declare that on September 1, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Notification of Intent to Modify Project, dated September 1, 2009. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogen_energy].

The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

FOR SERVICE TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:

X sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list

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AND

FOR FILING WITH THE ENERGY COMMISSION:

X sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (***preferred method***);

OR

_____ depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


